

IDOE REGION 6 OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

November 2014

Dates to Remember:

Focus/Priority Schools

- *Student Achievement Plans Due Nov. 30th*

HELLO!

We hope this newsletter finds you energized and ready for the cold weather. We are excited to have another Outreach Coordinator joining our team in Region 6. Please reach out to Letitia for assistance.

AROUND THE REGION:

We would like to announce that we had 115 participants at the “Digging into Data” professional development and great survey results. We are currently in talks about providing this same PD again because of the overwhelming response to the first one and the huge number of region 6 educators who were not able to attend because of the cap. We are also planning a differentiated instruction regional PD. Details will be communicated very soon.

RESOURCES:

<http://goo.gl/zPoROV> (This is the link for the “Digging into Data” PD)
<http://padlet.com/dbundridge1/questions> (Questions answered at PD)
<http://www.schoolturnaroundsupport.org/>

DOE INFORMATION:

- **MEMORANDUM: Indiana Department of Education** released 2013-2014 accountability grades for Indiana schools. The grades became public after the Indiana State Board of Education approved the placement of schools into their respective categories. The [grades are attached](#) to this email.
- **MEMORANDUM: Focus & Priority School Improvement:** The [attached memo](#) discusses important state and federal requirements for schools placed in the lowest school improvement category. Regional meetings are being offered to support school leaders with understanding requirements; view the memo for times and locations. We look forward to providing assistance to Indiana schools as we implement statutory and ESEA Waiver requirements for our Focus and Priority Schools. If you have additional questions, please contact Assistant Superintendent of Outreach Teresa Brown at tabrown@doe.in.gov or 317-232-0524.
A copy of the waiver application can be found [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Federal Relations Director Jeff Coyne at jcoyne@doe.in.gov.
- **MEMORANDUM: Green Ribbon Schools Award,** The Indiana Department of Education will continue its participation in the Federal Green Ribbon Schools Award, recognizing schools in their efforts to go green. In the summer of 2014, Indiana awarded Carmel High School, in Carmel and St. Thomas Aquinas School in Indianapolis. We hope to build on their success and award more applicants this year. The Green Ribbon Schools [award application](#) is posted to the IDOE website. Applications will be due December 5, 2014. Contact Jeremy Eltz by phone at (317) 232-9172 or email at jeltz@doe.in.gov read about [Green Ribbon Schools Award](#).
- **MEMORANDUM: The Math Science Partnership (MSP) Grant.** This is a competitive federal grant authorized by Title II, Part B of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. The program is intended to increase the academic achievement of students in mathematics and science by enhancing the content knowledge and teaching skills of classroom teachers. The [MSP webpage on the IDOE website](#) application. The [application](#) deadline is December 5th, 2014. This is a great opportunity to apply for

funds to improve your science and math curriculum and instruction. ([read memorandum](#)) Contact Jeremy Eltz by phone at (317)232-9172 or email at jeltz@doe.in.gov regarding any questions about the MathScience Partnership Grant.

- **A-F grades** have been finalized for 2013-2014, additional Indiana school districts and high schools now qualify as a **Performance Qualified High Schools and Districts** under Indiana Code 20-24.2 Performance Qualified Districts or Schools have flexibility in calculating instructional time to meet yearly state minimums. For example, a high school must meet the minimum 64,800 minutes (180 day equivalent: 360 daily minutes times 180 days). A copy of the state statute, a FAQ document and examples of how the flexible time is reported on the DOE-CL is included on the [DOE Accreditation](#) page. Questions on this statute can be directed to Dr. George Frampton at frampton@doe.in.gov. (see [attached memorandum](#).)
- **2015 Toyota Family Teacher of the Year Award Call for Nominations**, On November 3, 2014, the [National Center for Families Learning \(NCFL\)](#) began accepting nominations for the [2015 Toyota Family Teacher of the Year Award](#), which will award a \$20,000 to an exemplary teacher engaging families in education. Educators working with families through schools, libraries, and many other community-based organizations will be considered, and nominations are due December 31, 2014.
- **Deadline: November 21 is the deadline for College GO! Week** contest entries for grades K-12 and the \$1,000 grant for schools. Find out more about how your students could win \$529 for college or your school could earn \$1,000 towards college and career readiness programing [here](#).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- **Available through the Northwest Indiana Education Service Center, (219) 926-5555**
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Staff Development Coordinator: Julie Remschneider: jremschneider@nwiesc.k12.in.us
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November 11/17/2014 **DOK and Deconstructing the New CCR Standards**

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